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Sigma joins USD campus

Historically black fraternity officially recognized by USD



Photo courtesy of Phi Beta Sigma
Members of Phi Beta Sigma greet students at the Alcala Bazaar.

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News Editor

The University of San Diego welcomed its first ever official black fraternity to campus last May. Phi Beta Sigma (Sigma), which has over 700 chapters worldwide, will join the eight other fraternities USD already has on campus. The fraternity, which was founded last May, is not an official organization part of USD's Interfraternity Council (IFC) quite yet, but the council is working to add them to the group. The fraternity is currently attending and participating in

meetings with IFC, but it will not have all the same voting rights until they are officially set up as an organization and introduced into the council. Although several other black fraternities and Greek organizations, including Sigma, have had members on USD's campus before, no group has ever been recognized by administration. The group will need to enroll at least ten active members before being established as an official Torero Organization. The colony will be overseen by the Omicron Iota chapter of Sigma, one of two alumni

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Delta Tau Delta dishes destruction

DTD draws a crowd during rush event



Jennifer Givens/The USD Vista
Members of DTD take turns smashing a broken down car in the Law Lot.

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An age-old tradition among other college organizations emerged on the campus of University of San Diego this past Monday night. USD community members flocked to the law parking lot to witness the Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity participate in its first rushing event of the season. Brothers of the fraternity, alongside potential new members, took a sledgehammer to a

run-down car outside the Legal Research Center. This car bashing event created loud banging and peaked interest of passing students. Cars stopped, students ran across the street, and the DTD members cheered. Roughly 30 potential new DTD members, active DTD members, and bystanders gathered for the first annual Car Bash Rush Event. Senior Michael Olson explained that the event was a first for DTD. "Our rush chair decided to do something new, and a car bash was an idea from other schools," said Olson. "A

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NEWS

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Historically black fraternity joins USD greek system

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chapters already in San Diego.

The two founding members of USD Sigma are seniors Myles Ginyard and Jordan Harrison. The new colony will have help from the 16 other members of the Omicron Iota chapter, as well as the Sigma chapter already established at nearby San Diego State University. The two members will have to grow the colony to meet guidelines set forth by the international organization before being chartered as an official chapter.

Growing the fraternity on campus may be a little bit of a struggle. However, Ginyard said that he is hopeful that the chapter will grow considerably in their first full semester on campus and meet the requirements to become a chapter.

"[The biggest difficulty we might face moving forward] is probably being the new fraternity amongst other fraternities who have been around for a while," Ginyard said. "But we aren't too worried about that because we don't normally have big groups of people join at one time anyway. We are confident that

we will attract the needed and desired amount of people."

USD has a total male undergraduate enrollment of approximately 2,600 and a total population of over 2,000 students of color. Ginyard commented on Sigma's background as a historically black fraternity and how it will bring a new presence to the greek life community.

"Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., is a historically black fraternity," Ginyard said. "This doesn't mean it's only for black students. Our presence here will bring that culture to Greek life."

Ginyard explained that Sigma hopes to collaborate with the existing Fraternity and Sorority Life at USD.

"Members of the [Interfraternity Council], which Phi Beta Sigma along with eight other organizations belong to, are known for having step shows," Ginyard said. "Stepping is a big part of the historically black fraternity and sorority culture. We plan to have some shows and other events that bring that vibe and culture to campus once we fully get adjusted to being here."

The USD Sigmas will not take part in traditional



Members of Phi Beta Sigma pose with Alpha Pi Epsilon during their installment in May. Photo courtesy of Phi Beta Sigma

fraternity recruitment this year, which started this past Sunday. The USD Sigmas do not have any plans for a formal recruitment quite yet, but they are planning to get their name out to as many students on USD's campus as they can.

Ginyard stated that the fraternity hopes to draw men who understand the importance of serving the community, achieving academic excellence, and serving a lifelong brotherhood to their fraternity.

"Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., principles are brotherhood, scholarship and

service," Ginyard said. "The motto is 'Culture for Service, Service for Humanity.' We are looking for people who understand the importance of serving the community, academic excellence and lifelong brotherhood."

Sigma is now the third fraternity USD has added to its ranks since 2014, joining Sigma Pi and Pi Kappa Theta. The fraternity is looking to grow not only in numbers, but also within the community.

"We are not an exclusive fraternity; we are an inclusive fraternity, so don't be afraid to come talk to us or ask any

questions," Ginyard said. "We are an organization that truly takes brotherhood, scholarship, and service seriously. We are small now, but we will grow with the help of the campus community. We just want to bring something new to campus that can really help add to the campus diversity and Greek life."

It is unsure how long it will take Sigma to establish themselves in USD's culture. One thing is for sure: they are here, they are official, and they are something new and diverse, something both USD and the fraternity pride themselves on.

New phones cause new problems

iPhone 7 unveiled with controversial features; Galaxy Note 7 catches fire

KEVIN NELSON
News Editor

Recently, students and other mobile phone users have experienced quite a few surprises. This past week, Apple unveiled their newest iPhone, the iPhone 7, to much criticism. Although it is uncertain how well the iPhone 7 will sell, one of Apple's main competitors is also suffering from its own problems.

The latest in cell phone technology has created mixed reviews on both sides of the technology stratosphere. Technology giants, Samsung and Apple go head-to-head with the release of their new phones, the Galaxy Note 7 and the iPhone 7.

The Samsung Galaxy Note 7, which was released in the middle of August, is considered by many to be one of the main competitors to the iPhone. The new Samsung Galaxy Note 7 bolsters several new features. The phone has wireless charging station, a more responsive pen feature, and waterproof housing. The phone is currently selling at \$900.

Earlier this month, however, reports of battery malfunction were brought to the attention of Samsung. After review, Samsung found

that several of the phones experienced overheating in the battery, resulting in combustion of the phone, causing fire hazards. The potential hazard, although reportedly in only a small number of devices, resulted in an immediate recall from Samsung.

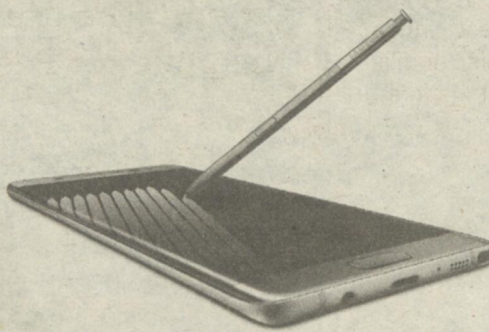
Tim Baxter, president of Samsung Electronics America, released a statement that encouraged Note users to immediately power down and return their phones for another device.

"Samsung continues to ensure that consumer safety remains our top priority," Baxter said. "We are asking users to power down their Galaxy Note 7s and exchange them now. New Note 7 replacement devices will be issued to exchange program participant upon completion of the CPSC process. In the interim, consumers can return their Note 7 for another device."

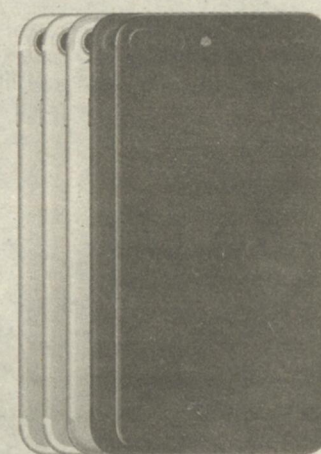
The phone's defect has resulted in a number of incidents, including setting a car on fire and burning the skin of a six-year-old child. Some airlines are concerned that the phone is a flight risk and are asking users to power off the phone completely in flight.

If Samsung is able to fix the battery defect the

Samsung Galaxy Note 7



iPhone 7



Photos courtesy of Samsung and Apple

Samsung and Apple both saw stocks drop after big announcements.

new Note 7 may be able to compete with the iPhone 7.

The new iPhone features include a bigger battery, more storage, faster performance, and a water resistant housing among many others. The iPhone 7 does not have any reported problems yet, but it has received significant criticism around one new feature: the removal of the headphone jack.

Apple has claimed the removal allows the phone to be more water resistant and include a bigger battery. Apple will give users the option of listening via bluetooth or a headphone adapter. Most people were

upset about the removal of the headphone jack, but not everyone saw it as a bad idea.

Senior Jack Roccato said that he thinks the removal of the headphone jack is something to expect in this era of new and advancing technology.

"I want it," Roccato said. "I think it is a good move to get rid of the headphone jack. It is 2016; get with the times. But I can't afford it."

Roccato, who is interested in the new phone, knows that it is a little pricey. The iPhone 7, which will include 32 gigabytes (GB), 128GB, and 256GB options, will start at \$649. This is the same price as the basic iPhone 6s, but it will include

double the storage of the 6.

Following the announcement Apple saw a small drop in its stock price from \$108 per share to \$103 per share by the end of last week. However, the company is still experiencing a strong month in the stock market. Likewise, Samsung, who is traded on the Korean stock market, saw a huge decrease in stock price when it announced its defect, but the stock seems to steadily be growing back to its previous price. For now, Apple will remain on top of the market, but critics wonder with the lack of major innovation, how much longer will they be there.

New AS president hopeful for future of Associated Students

TJ Hodges unveils his plans for AS this semester

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After a busy spring campaigning for the title of Associated Student (AS) President, Hodges spent his summer preparing for an eventful year and hoping for some exciting changes.

"I try to keep things light but also expect the most of myself and everyone at USD," TJ Hodges, the new Associated Student President said. "I believe this position is a lot about compromising, and that's very difficult to do if you are not flexible and willing to hear other people out."

To help prepare, Hodges has been meeting and communicating with University of San Diego administrators, faculty, and staff to spread the word about his message and goals for the year. His goals include solving financial issues, increasing school spirit, stimulating conversation about inclusion and diversity, and encouraging an increasingly active student body.

One of Hodges' main focus points is working to make the university more attentive and accommodating to students who find it difficult to pay USD's infamously expensive price tag.

After witnessing the effort put forth by administrators to carefully budget student costs, Hodges stated that he recognizes the need to be creative and innovative with shifting student costs.

"I believe we can compromise and find creative ways to either help students avoid the costs or reduce them," Hodges said. "Some of those options may include creating a textbook reserve, offering low-cost meals, or exploring student living requirements. I have faith that USD can come together to solve this problem rather than resist it."

Additionally, the AS President explained that he hopes to use his newly granted power toward creating,

increasing, and sustaining school spirit. Hodges also said that he hopes to increase a sense of school spirit by allowing on-campus tailgating for students 21 years or older for sporting events to help boost a sense of camaraderie amongst USD students.

Hodges believes that, while it is crucial to recognize where new additions may be made, it is just as important to recognize where our existing traditions lie and how programs such as Associated Students and Torero Program Board can sustain them.

"By promoting existing traditions such as the Alcala Bazaar, the Running of the Bulls, and other organized activities on campus, we are focused on building tradition rather than creating it," Hodges said. "If we continue to create traditions annually, by definition we will have no traditions."

With many goals in mind, Hodges must work his hardest to maintain a balance between pleasing the student body while also keeping in mind the needs of faculty, staff, and administration. Students may express what they believe the university needs based on a four year experience, while much of the faculty has been with the institution for much longer. This makes it possible for there to be wide range of perspectives based on different experiences, which can lead to conflicts of interest.

As the liaison between students and administration, Hodges explained that he believes this ultimately leads to an opportunity for improvement when these conflicts of interest arise.

"I manage this conflict by advocating for student solutions to student issues," Hodges said. "However, unlike in other scenarios, a compromise between students and faculty and administration does not mean we are giving up something; rather we are gaining insight and execution from other

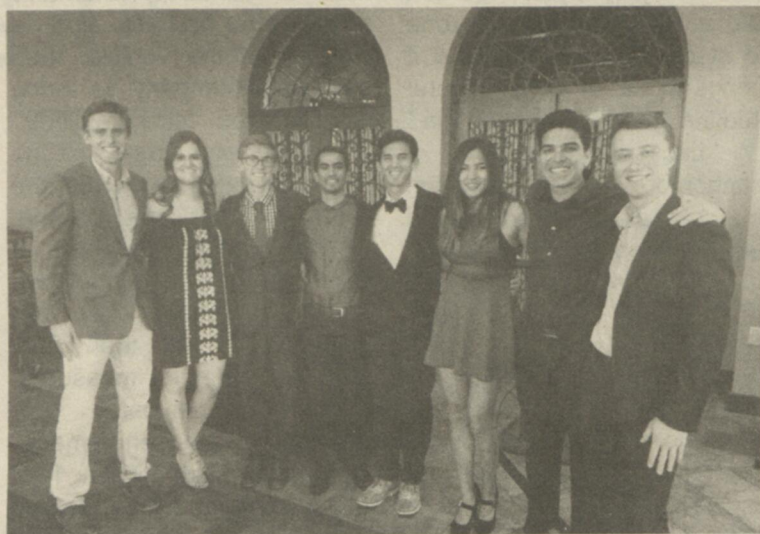
members of the community."

Hodges also expressed that he hopes to increase focus on conversations surrounding issues of inclusion and diversity. College campuses all over the country are increasing this discussion, and Hodges stated that he believes that it is our duty as a campus to give students a voice of their own.

"It is my role to listen rather than simply speak," Hodges said. "We are in the process of developing strategies to not only create a strategy for this year, but also to explore how we can promote, respect, and love within the upcoming conversations and debates."

While a great amount of power lies within Hodges' and AS' hands, Hodges expressed that it is just as important for the entirety of the student body to get involved.

"I'm looking forward to an increased student voice," Hodges said. "I believe that



Photos courtesy of TJ Hodges

President TJ Hodges and part of the 2016-17 AS staff.

we have an energetic and exceptional student body this year that will not back down from sharing their opinions and desires, but will also be great supporters of our university."

With the whole year ahead, Hodges has been spending the first few weeks back planning and preparing

for a productive year. Along with efforts to improve financial spending, increase school spirit, and empower the conversation about inclusion and diversity, the new AS President shared that he hopes to see a greater student turnout toward making USD the best it can be.

Active Shooter Training



The Department of Public Safety is continuing with their Campus Emergency Procedures Review and Guidance for Surviving an Active Shooter Situation. All USD community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The training sessions will take place at the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (KIPJ), Room 220.

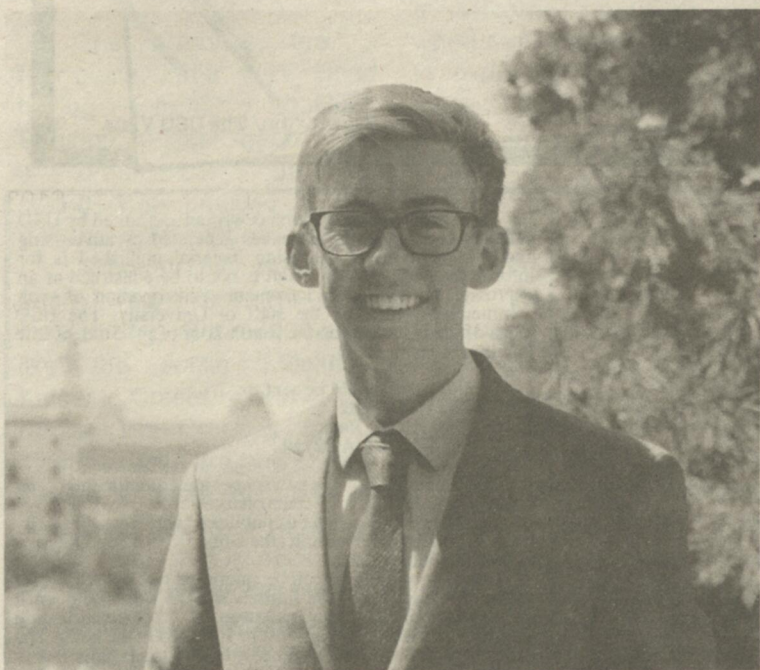
Here are the upcoming dates below:

Tuesday, October 04, 2016 12:30pm-1:30pm KIPJ 220
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Tuesday, October 18, 2016 12:30pm-1:30pm KIPJ 220
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 12:30pm-1:30pm KIPJ 220

Additional training opportunities will be scheduled throughout the fall and spring semesters

Please RSVP with Captain Quinton "Q" Kawahara at qkawahara@sandiego.edu if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

As a reminder, the Department of Public Safety can also make special presentations to individual departments, student organizations, or any USD group that would like to receive the information as a group.



Photos courtesy of TJ Hodges

TJ Hodges is the new AS president for the 2016-17 school year.

Delta Tau Delta brings back age old tradition during rush week

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car bash just kind of seemed like a good way for everyone to start out the week, and it brings a lot of guys around and brings a lot of attention."

Lucas Terriquez, a sophomore and potential member of DTD, expressed his feelings on the event.

"It's a pretty gnarly rush event," Terriquez said. "Everyone else is just sitting in a room and talking, I guess. It's just thinking out of the box; it's cool and more interesting to take part of."

The event left broken glass and fragments of the car scattered across the pavement.

Senior Paul Chamarro explained that the event was approved by university

officials ahead of time.

"The process to get this approved is actually kind of difficult," Chamarro said. "We had to find a supplier of the vehicle, then a towing company to bring it here and take it away."

Chamarro stated that the fraternity was in charge of the event from beginning to end.

"[We had to get] it approved by the school, we had to tell them what was going on, [and] then [talk about] safety measures, goggles, gloves, pre-approved sledgehammers," Chamarro said. "Then [we] told P-safe, and they cleared out the three spots and got [the car] in here. We are responsible for everything, cleanup and everything. Active and rushes are the



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Delta Tau Delta brought back an age old tradition of car smashing during a rush event this week.

only people to hit the car."

Olson said that the tow truck dropped off the car and would be picking it up after the

event concluded. Members of DTD were in charge of cleaning up the aftermath.

While this was a new

event at USD, the rush event of car bashing has been a tradition among many fraternities dating back year,

Public Safety Report

Sept. 8

Location: Hahn University Center

At approximately 4:11 p.m., Public Safety responded to a report of a theft on campus. Upon investigation, it was reported that an iPhone 6s was left unattended in a restroom and was found missing upon the owner's return. The phone was later found at an off campus location.

Sept. 7

Location: Maher Residence Hall

At approximately 10:57 a.m., Public Safety responded to a report of a fire in a residence hall laundry facility. Upon investigation, a small electrical fire was located and immediately extinguished. San Diego Fire Department (SDFD) also responded, and, once the area was cleared by SDFD, individuals that had been evacuated were allowed to reenter the building.

Sept. 6

Location: On Campus

At approximately 5:46 p.m., Public Safety received a report of a sexual assault that was reported to have occurred on campus. No other information was reported.

Sept. 4

Location: Missions A Residence Hall

At approximately 2:53 a.m., Public Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated individual on campus. Upon investigation, the individual was contacted, identified as a resident student, and evaluated. The individual was voluntarily transported to Detox.

Sept. 4

Location: Missions A Residence Hall

At approximately 1:09 a.m., Resident Assistants cited a student for minor in possession of alcohol.

P-safe #: 619-260-2222

Sept. 3

Location: Palomar Residence Hall

At approximately 4:03 a.m., Resident Assistants cited a student for minor in possession of alcohol.

Sept. 3

Location: Borrego Residence Hall

At approximately 12:28 a.m., Public Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated individual on campus. Upon investigation, the individual was contacted, identified as a resident student, and found to be unable to care for himself. The individual was voluntarily transported to Detox.

Sept. 3

Location: Maher Residence Hall

At approximately 10:59 p.m., Resident Assistants cited a student for minor in possession of alcohol.

Sept. 3

Location: Camino Residence Hall

At approximately 11:50 p.m., Public Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated individual on campus. Upon investigation, the individual was contacted, identified as a resident student, and evaluated by paramedics. The individual was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

Sept. 3

Location: Founders Residence Hall

At approximately 1:27 a.m., Resident Assistants cited a student for minor in possession of alcohol.

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Five great date spots in San Diego

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With the new semester starting, and all of the new people we'll meet, there may come a time when we need to impress a certain someone in our lives. Often it starts with a great spot for a first date.

With that in mind, this list is a compilation of some excellent places to take that special someone, featuring varied pricing so that you can choose to go all out or conserve some cash for a second or third date. These spots are a combination of ambiance, quality, and trendiness, and are perfect places to jumpstart a budding relationship.

1. Up2you Cafe (\$)

Up2you is a small cafe well known for its boba tea, a Taiwanese specialty drink that typically features a black milk tea base, with chewy tapioca balls at the bottom of the glass. People can be picky about their boba tea, but Up2you gets great reviews from countless people at The University of San Diego. The cafe is also known for its desserts, more specifically, honey toast and crepes. It's rumored that the Nutella and mascarpone crepe is life-changing. The atmosphere is casual and modern, and the cafe is perfect for having some quality conversation. They even have games to check out, including Uno and Jenga, to play while

you eat and drink. The best part is Up2you is just down Linda Vista Road, located next to Kearny High School.

2. Lestat's Coffee House (\$)

24/7, 365 days a year is what Lestat's is all about. Seriously, they never close. Are you and a friend up late studying? Go to Lestat's. It's 1 o'clock in the morning after a concert in North Park? Go to Lestat's. There are a few different Lestat's in San Diego, but the most popular ones are the Hillcrest and Adams Avenue locations.

It doesn't matter which location you end up at, especially since all of the Lestat's Coffee Houses are excellent places to relax with a cup of coffee. Lestat's is a somewhat quirky place, and it certainly has a vibe that fits in with the Hillcrest/Normal Heights attitude. The mismatched furniture gives Lestat's a thrift-store-cozy feeling. Sometimes the actual coffee itself is not all that important if the location and atmosphere are already exceptional, but Lestat's delivers an above-average brew as well. Lestat's is perfect for a study date, regular date, late-night not-sure-how-you-ended-up-there date, and everything in between.

3. Extraordinary Desserts (\$\$)

Extraordinary Desserts boasts itself as the number one destination in San Diego for globally-inspired gourmet desserts. While not all

restaurants do, Extraordinary Desserts is definitely a place that delivers on its claim. It has been featured on The Food Network and in Forbes Magazine, and it has won numerous awards since its creation. Extraordinary Desserts features decadent pastries, cakes, ice creams, candies, tarts, and countless other delicacies.

Junior McKenna Wade said that she loves the restaurant because of its welcoming atmosphere and wide variety of desserts.

"Extraordinary Desserts is immediately appealing because all the desserts are displayed in a beautiful casing right when you walk in," Wade said. "There's so much variety in the way the desserts are created that there is always something for everyone's individual preferences."

If you fancy a bite of something sweet after dinner, head over to Extraordinary Desserts.

4. George's at the Cove (\$\$\$)

It is pretty hard to go wrong with a place that has been voted San Diego's best restaurant. Located directly above the scenic La Jolla Cove, George's has one of the best restaurant views in all of San Diego. It also boasts three different levels within the restaurant, each having a different theme. The most popular of the three levels for adults 21 or over would be the Level 2 cocktail bar, not only for the specialty



Walker Chuppe / The USD Vista

Located a few miles from USD, Up2you Cafe serves excellent boba tea.

Mixologist cocktails with hand-cut ice, but also because the lunch and dinner menus are worth the adventure, and a bit more casual than the two other levels. With incredible views and entrees to match, George's serves its food with a high price tag, but it has the flair that is indicative of a true fine-dining experience and is worth every penny.

5. Kettner Exchange (\$\$)

One of the hottest restaurants in San Diego, Kettner Exchange offers open-air rooftop dining that features progressive American cuisine. Located in Little Italy, Kettner Exchange sets itself apart from the other amazing restaurants in the neighborhood with its modern and sultry ambiance. Kettner Exchange is just one of those places that everyone wants to be at. It is the

epitome of hip, and it has an air of exclusivity about it that adds to its overall desirability.

Junior Janek Benigno lists Kettner Exchange as one of his favorite restaurants in San Diego.

"Kettner Exchange always manages to feel special with its combination of effortlessly cool ambiance and unique, innovative food," Benigno said. "It strikes a good balance of being sophisticated without being overly pretentious."

Kettner Exchange is one of the most exciting dining experiences in San Diego, and it is a great compromise between fine dining and nightlife.

These five spots are perfect for any kind of date, on any day of the week. Alternatively, you could hit all of them back-to-back in five days. The choice is completely yours.

The Crookes: future indie-rock stars?

Featuring upcoming concert spotlight from their United States tour

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The Crookes are a four-piece indie rock band hailing from Sheffield, England. The band has a prototypical "Brit-rock" sound, with jangling guitars and melodic, upbeat vocals.

Although the indie rock genre has recently been flooded by Brit-rock bands like the Arctic Monkeys, Kaiser Chiefs, and The Kooks, The Crookes do not sound exactly like any of their current British compatriots.

Their sound is rooted in 1950s and 1960s rock and roll, but it also features nods to some of the greatest alternative rock bands of the 1980s. They would easily fit in a lineup of

The Smiths, New Order, and The Cure. Their guitar-driven sound, laden with reverb, is a welcome throwback in a world that has seen a decline in overall popularity of rock music. Their songs are lively, and encourage their listeners to get up and dance with their sweet, catchy melodies.

Their latest album, *Lucky Ones* (2016), builds upon their already solid foundation of creating wistful pop anthems, and it delivers robust guitar riffing and lyrics that anybody will want to sing over and over again.

The lead single "I Wanna Waste My Time on You" finds its roots in the reverb filled, guitar and synthesizer driven golden age of the 80s, but adds modern flavor that will have you singing the lyrics

after you hear it a single time. The second single, "The World is Waiting" is almost the perfect song to blast at full volume while driving down the coast in the afternoon. It's fast, dynamic, has an infectious beat, and a chorus that everyone can yell at the top of their lungs. The rest of the album is perfect for playing on a summer road trip to the beach and is well worth a listen.

The Crookes will be playing at the legendary San Diego venue, The Casbah, on Sept. 25th. The Casbah has hosted bands like MGMT, The Smashing Pumpkins, and Blink-182, often before they reached their worldwide fame and popularity. If you'd like to catch The Crookes as they're about to hit the big-time, tickets are on sale now.

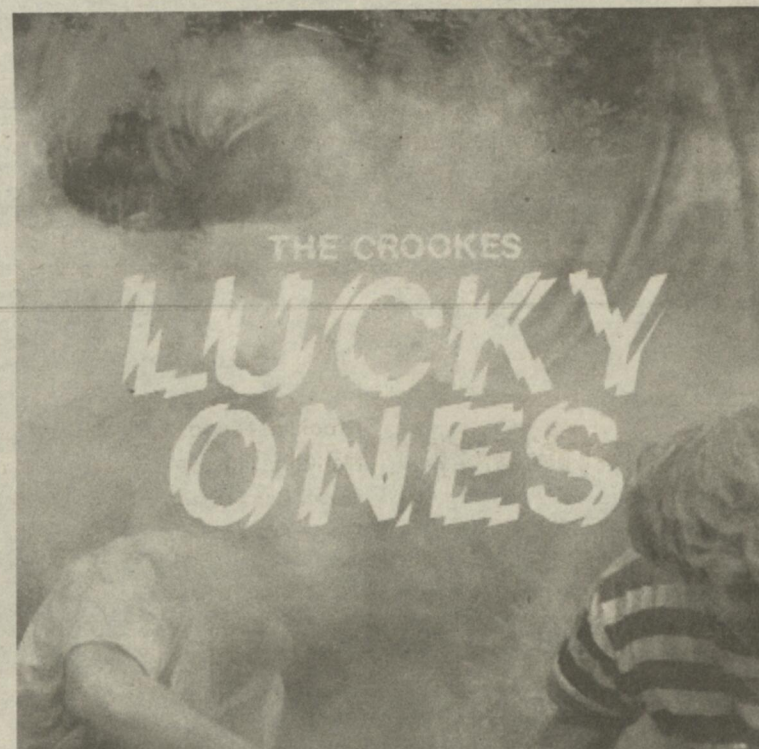
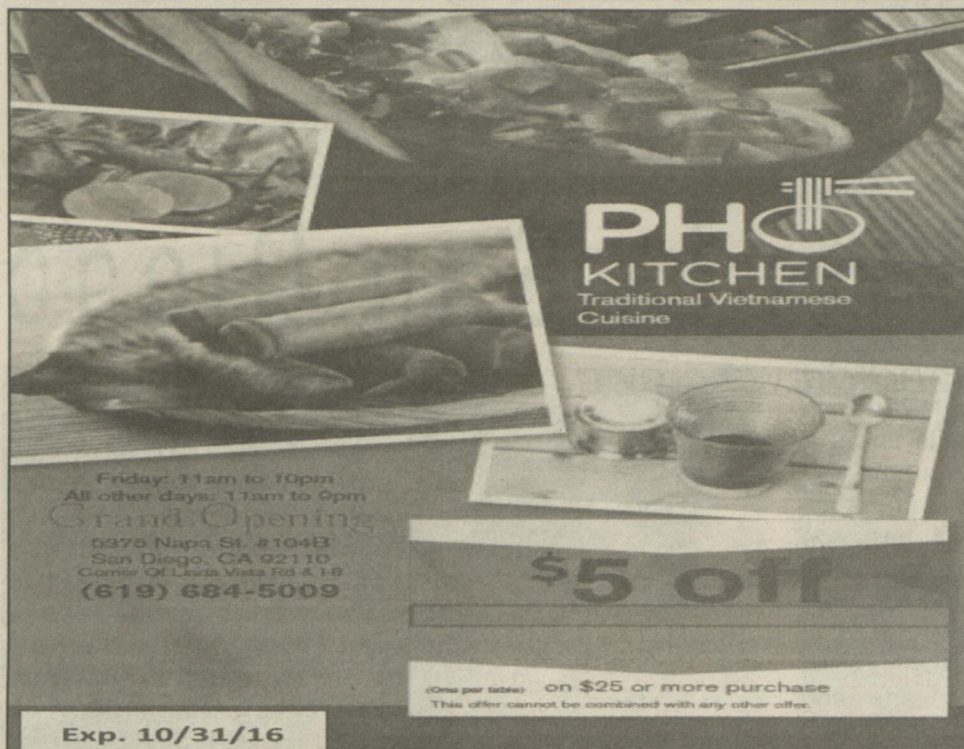


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The Crookes most recent album, "Lucky Ones"



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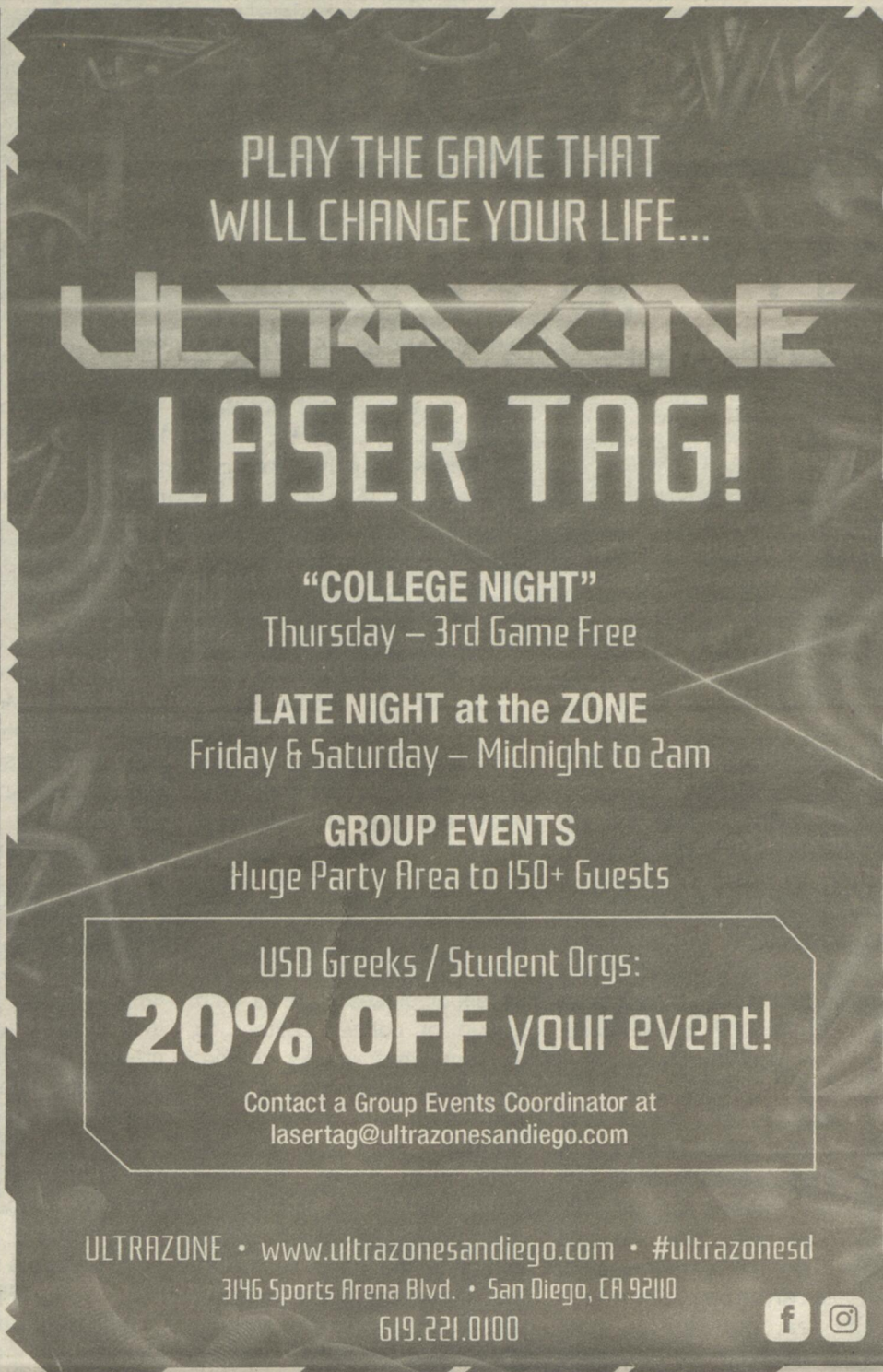


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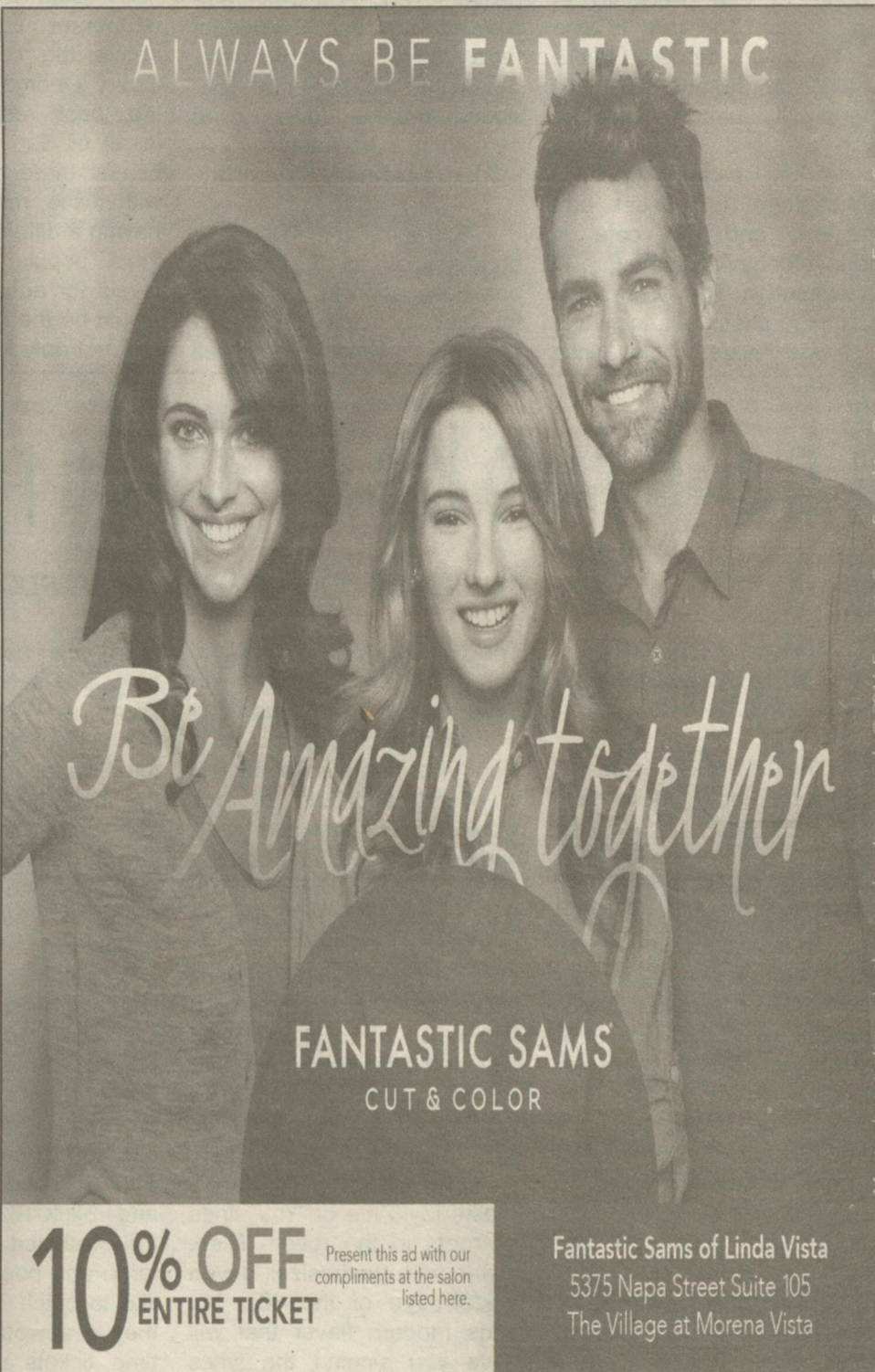
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Gambino's Pharos performances

Mysterious desert series sells out quickly, and draws crowd from across the country

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This fall, University of San Diego students, Southern California residents, and people across the country bought tickets to a mysterious concert in the middle of the desert, with no performance description, event lineup, or exact location. Pharos was the latest performance project of Donald Glover, also known by his rap name as Childish Gambino.

Glover has recorded several hip hop/R&B albums, wrote for NBC's 30 Rock, performed successful stand up comedy acts, and appeared as a main character in NBC's Community. Gambino is known for several popular mixtapes that combine avant-garde style, spoken word, R&B melodies, and clever lyrics.

His following has grown from underground listeners to a few Top 40 songs including "3005" in 2013. Two 2014 Grammy nominations for Best Rap Album and Best Rap Performance certify Gambino's position as a top artist in his field.

Glover's latest performance project, Pharos, was a three day series of live performances in Joshua Tree, Calif. Attendees could only purchase a single-night ticket through the PHAROS Earth application. Each ticket was linked to a single mobile phone to prevent cyber scalping.

The mysterious app advertising the event gave few details of the specific location or event lineup.

PHAROS Earth's ethereal interface included a guidebook description of a modern world in which people are unable to ask more serious questions, such as "Who are we? Where are we from? Why are we here?"

According to the application, Pharos is a holy place, for people to gather and share the human experience. "Pharos is a shared vibration for human progress, a gathering of the five intuitives of the human experience." The app directed attendees to dress in the light frequency color assigned to their ticket.

The air of mystery around Pharos fueled internet hype surrounding the weekend, which Glover stated would be his only stage appearances during 2016. Glover previously stated that he may stop performing as Childish Gambino, leaving fans to speculate about future music production and style.

The Pharos application, the only official press surrounding the event, originally listed the event in Joshua Tree, Calif.; however, later this location was specified as a portion of desert in Yucca Valley outside of Joshua Tree National Park, about a forty-minute drive north of Coachella Valley.

Perhaps the largest structure on the grounds was a large dome in which Gambino performed his new 12-track album that did not feature any other artists. The grounds featured a large dome that housed the stage, decorated with a lightshow of varying patterns

and alien-like projections.

Junior Sarah Ellias attended the Sunday night show. Ellias said that she was impressed with the progression of Gambino's style.

"Pharos was definitely what Gambino wanted: a fully immersive album experience," Ellias said. "It felt like several hours of sensory overload. The decorated, fluctuating dome in the middle of the desert, projections of alien figures, and the audience itself made the night feel surreal. Gambino wore tribal body paint and cornrows; it was a completely unique concert."

Seniors Omar Bishti and Hannah McCune attended the Friday night show. Both Bishti and McCune complimented the depth of thought that went into creating the experience.

"Well, I was pretty shocked by the whole night," Bishti said. "Hundreds of people from all over the United States flocked to the desert to see what we all believed was going to be a lit hip-hop show. Instead we were treated to a jazz, funk, rock hybrid performance led by Donald Glover in a grass skirt."

McCune was interested in the concept, but she was slightly disappointed in the execution of the event.

"The experience was intimate, which I appreciated," McCune said. "Childish Gambino wasn't there to sell tickets, but instead share a unique experience with the audience. Unfortunately, you could tell it was a low budget project because overall execution didn't match the hype."

The sold out shows also featured the new technology of Yondr, a technology company whose cases lock cell phones within a 'no phone zone' so that audiences can experience performances without technology. Other artists, including Alicia Keys, Dave Chappelle, and The Lumineers have also employed Yondr's services, citing audience attentiveness

and quality of experience as motivation for doing so.

"I really liked not having my phone," Ellias said. "I never actually go back and watch videos anyway and, this way, people's arms weren't in my way."

Overall, the entire experience hinted at a style pivot for Glover/Gambino as his music continues to grow and change with each new release.

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The coveted title: Yelp Elite

College students turn to Yelp for community and business review sharing

KELLY KENNEDY*
Feature Editor

"What should we have for dinner tonight?" "Where's a great late night study spot?" Yelp has the answer to these questions and more.

Yelp, a crowdsourcing platform, allows users to submit business and restaurant reviews and creates a database of reviews and tips for other users to peruse.

Yelp is one of the most recognized apps of its kind. Founded in 2004, Yelp now reaches millions of users in 32 countries, according to their online analytics.

Yelp also provides data trends regarding its users: 41.4 percent of its U.S. users are between 18 and 34 years old. 57.5 percent of these users have a college education, and, as of June 30, 2016, Yelpers across the globe have written 108 million reviews since the rating site's inception.

Yelp features a large community of friends and contributors. The app links Facebook friends, allows users to send compliments to other users, and includes a voting feature through which users can rate reviews as useful, funny, or cool.

For those who are especially active and popular in the Yelp community, there is the Yelp's Elite Squad. According to its website,

Yelp forms this elite group of people through a yearly nomination program for those with specific qualifications.

"The Yelp Elite Squad is our way of recognizing people who are active in the Yelp community and role models on and off the site," the website said. "Elite-worthiness is based on a number of things, including well-written reviews, high quality tips, a detailed personal profile, an active voting and complimenting record, and a history of playing well with others."

The San Francisco-based Yelp elite council reviews each nomination and decides who holds Elite badges.

Elite Yelpers hold a sort of food celebrity status within the larger Yelp community. They can also benefit from invitations to free promotional events held by up-and-coming businesses who want to draw new customers and create a strong review network.

Junior at the University of San Diego, Emily Pitsch, has been a Yelp user for several years, and she began building her Yelp profile a year and a half ago.

"I've used Yelp to find good places to eat and what not for many years, but started using Yelp to review businesses during winter, 2014," Pitsch said. "I've posted almost 150 reviews. Whenever I try a new restaurant, I try to review it, but

school tends to get in the way of venturing to new places."

Pitsch explained that her goal is to join the Yelp Elite after she turns twenty-one, the last threshold before she can be nominated for the elite status.

Her experience as an active Yelper has been positive in several ways.

"[As an active Yelper,] I have attended two 'Unofficial Yelp Events' because you have to be elite to attend an actual Yelp event," Pitsch said.

Pitsch revealed that her favorite part of the platform is the community that has developed between the reviewers and the reviewees.

"Using Yelp benefits the community more so than the yelper himself," Pitsch said. "That sounds silly but in reviewing an establishment, people are advised on whether or not to go there, too. Also, it is free advertising to the businesses with good reviews. A few times business owners have reached out to me thanking me for a positive review or apologizing for their sub-par food or service."

Yelp and the title of "Elite" do not come without its share of criticism. Critics of the program have accused the Elite Council of not using fair and consistent standards when bestowing the treasured title. Others claim that some Elites abuse their status by demanding free food or amenities when

dining out or shopping. Other critics struggle to approve of the entire platform.

Andrew Zimmern, renowned chef and star of the Travel Channel's show Bizarre Foods, strongly criticized Yelp and crowdsourcing platforms like it during an episode of his Go Fork Yourself podcast. Since that statement, Zimmern further explained his reasoning in an interview with Eater.

"[Yelp is a] tremendous forum for a bunch of uninformed morons," Zimmerman said. "Crowdsourcing something other than expertise is such waste of time."

College students are a large part of the Yelp community at large, and their contributions to the crowdsourcing platform is important for the spread of information between people who are passionate about quality experiences and dining options.

Though the platform has its critics, it is clear that the concept and execution are successful among the target audience. Those who aspire to join the Elite Community certainly have many possibilities to wield and grow their influence in the world of review based social networks.

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Screenshot of Pitsch's Yelp Profile.



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Yelp Elite events feature appetizers or meals and other amenities provided by local businesses to the Elite community.



Larry Williamson's SoCal surf etiquette

As the warm weather continues, you may notice a particular group of students who wake up at the crack of dawn, grab their boards, and go.

One of the biggest perks of living in San Diego is the close proximity to popular beaches and big ocean swell. While there are many activities surrounding San Diego's many beaches, surfing is definitely the most iconic.

For those who plan on trying their hand at surfing, or are just getting back into the swell, keep in mind the importance of Southern California surf etiquette when paddling out.

Larry Williamson, PhD, local surfer and University of San Diego professor of communication, offered a few tips for those chasing the perfect wave.

"Keep in mind that I am an 'old guy' who started surfing when boards had balsa wood cores with hardwood stringers and weighed 50 pounds," Williamson said. "With that qualifier in mind, surf etiquette is fairly constant."

Dr. Williamson explained his need-to-know guide to San Diego surf etiquette for those who plan on grabbing a surfboard anytime soon:

1. *Share the waves, even on bad days when every ride is a challenge. Don't hog all the good swells.*
2. *Try not to cut anyone off. If someone is already on a wave, avoid dropping in. Be courteous, but not necessarily acquiescent.*
3. *Watch out for each other and don't underestimate the power of the tides. Surfing can be dangerous. Oftentimes, your only life link is another surfer.*
4. *Always respect the ocean. It is powerful and profound.*
5. *Keep track of your board; wear a leash.*
6. *Lastly, pick a spot that suites your surfing ability.*

Aside from personal advice, there are many online resources for those searching for the perfect break, weather conditions, and swell report. Keep in mind San Diego is susceptible to large waves and dangerous riptides depending on the season and location, so always check the surf report prior to paddling out. Do not try to judge the size of the surf from the beach; the waves will be much bigger than they appear.

There are many opportunities for surfers at USD. Outdoor Adventures offers surf equipment for rent and the USD Surf Team also offers support for interested students. Students can also enroll in a surf class through the Mission Bay Aquatic Center for course credit.

Wherever there are waves there will be surfers. Keep in mind this surf etiquette for both safety and respect.



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Professor Williamson after a surf session.



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Surfers enjoy a specific surfing section at most beaches.

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Fall semester Fraternity & Sorority Life

Incoming USD students have many options for recruitment

This past week's Alcalá Bazaar was an opportunity for incoming students to get to know the campus community and the variety of options available for joining Fraternity and Sorority life.

USD is home to eighteen fraternities and sororities, each holding their own traditions, philanthropy, and brotherhood and sisterhood events.

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Parking Services enacts policy changes

Students discuss new parking regulations on campus

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Contributor

Every year, parking on campus seems to be a point of contention among students at the University of San Diego. While many students appreciate the opportunity to have a car on campus, the sheer amount of students trying to park can make it nearly impossible to find a spot.

This is especially true for students commuting to campus, and, for many of these students, having class anytime after nine in the morning makes finding a parking spot on campus especially difficult. Students living at the beach or downtown can't just roll out of bed and head to class; rather, they need to allot an additional 20 or 30 minutes to find a parking spot before class.

In an effort to alleviate some of these parking stresses for students, Parking Services made several changes to the parking regulations this semester.

Some of these changes include metered parking expanding to the West Parking Structure, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice

South lot, Jenny Craig Pavilion West lot, and the parking lot adjacent to Manchester Field. Additionally, in the past, parking permits were required Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.; now the enforcement hours for permits have been changed to 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Reserved spaces that were previously restricted solely for the use of the space holder Monday through Friday until 5:00 p.m. are now available for students beginning at 4 p.m. In addition to these changes, Parking Services is also recommending all visitors on campus to park in the West Parking Structure.

Senior Emma von Tscharnier explained that she appreciates Parking Service's effort to make parking an easier process on campus.

"All of [the] changes they've made are great," von Tscharnier said.

While many of the solutions seem to be working for students who have classes at night, those who like to schedule morning classes are still finding it problematic to search for a parking spot near their classes. More traffic being directed to the larger

parking lots is especially tricky, as many students rely on the availability of these spots for their daily parking needs.

For students paying a premium to park on campus, this can be especially frustrating. Students may even feel compelled to break the rules in order to make it on time to class. While it may be tempting to park in residential areas, spots reserved for Immaculata visitors, or even in reserved faculty spaces, doing so can result in a hefty fee from Parking Services.

While many students commuting to campus say the new parking policies are not as effective as they had hoped, those students who live within walking distance to campus are seeing some benefits.

Senior Bridget Olsen, who lives in the Carmel Pacific Ridge Apartments across the street from USD, saw the metered parking as a nice alternative to buying a semester long parking pass.

"I like the [option of] metered parking because it gives me a chance to park on campus when I'm running late or feeling overwhelmed with class, and I don't want to commit to a full semester

parking pass," Olsen says.

Even though parking protocols are working well for students living within walking distance of campus, those who commute to school are facing a daily battle to park on campus.

Senior Gabriella Koepenick agreed that these new rules are a step in the right direction but did not see the new parking protocols as enough of a solution.

"The new regulations put into effect cater to the students who have evening classes, but,

unless you are carpooling first thing in the morning, getting a spot for your nine o'clock class means leaving the house extra early," Koepenick says.

For students with classes scheduled during peak hours, finding a spot within a reasonable amount of time is often difficult due to the highly impacted parking structures. While the changes Parking Services have enacted are a step in the right direction, there are still improvements to be made.



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One of the changes enacted by Parking Services includes opening up reserved spaces to students starting at 4 p.m. in the hopes that it will make for less impacted parking.

Soft sciences seek a home

Soft sciences majors seem to lack a central hub on campus

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With the first full week of classes under their belts, many students at the University of San Diego already have their route across campus to their various classes memorized.

Throughout the day, many students will hit a few buildings while heading between classes for their major and various core courses. Some majors might even experience a bit of déjà vu as they shuffle from class to class down the exact same hallways.

These majors are likely to have buildings on campus specific to their craft, including Loma Hall for engineering, Olin Hall for business, and Shiley for science. While these majors experience life in their specialized buildings, the majority of arts and sciences majors seem to couchsurf around campus.

Sure, you can find small clusters of common departmental offices, or a bulletin board with departmental announcements within certain buildings.

However, for the most part, the soft sciences majors are without a central hub for their major on campus.

Students in these majors spend the majority of their school days hiking across campus to get to their classrooms, which are largely rooms other majors have to spare in their buildings. Although the change of pace can be nice, at times having things scattered throughout so much of campus can be hectic.

Senior Val Estrada, an engineering student, commented on how convenient it can be having everything for her major under one roof.

"It's great to have our own building because, any time I have a question about my homework, I know I can always find someone in our Ideation Space [study space] to get some help," Estrada said.

This accessibility and sense of community is something many majors could benefit from. Of course, it's not realistic to expect every

major to get its own dedicated building. For some of the larger majors, including psychology, communication studies, and sociology, who have hundreds of students in their programs,

majors. It would be convenient for day to day purposes and also for potential future networking opportunities."

The business and engineering departments

"It would be convenient for day to day purposes and also future networking opportunities" -Lindsay Fitzpatrick

it seems reasonable to create a few specialized areas for these majors to congregate.

Junior Lindsay Fitzpatrick noted that engineering, business, and hard sciences majors all have the benefit of central buildings and lounges, an advantage she said that other majors would appreciate as well.

"I think it would be helpful if we had a main building where most of our classes were [held] instead of being scattered all over campus," Fitzpatrick said. "Having a lounge would be nice to meet people in the same or similar

have the distinction of being their own schools, which may be the cause for them having special spaces. At the same time, the College of Arts and Sciences as a whole is lacking a community space. It deserves to be considered too.

Perhaps the next time the university takes on a construction project, an area for arts and sciences majors can be included in the design plans. For the time being, the best place for soft science majors to find each other around campus is passing on the sidewalks on the run between classes.

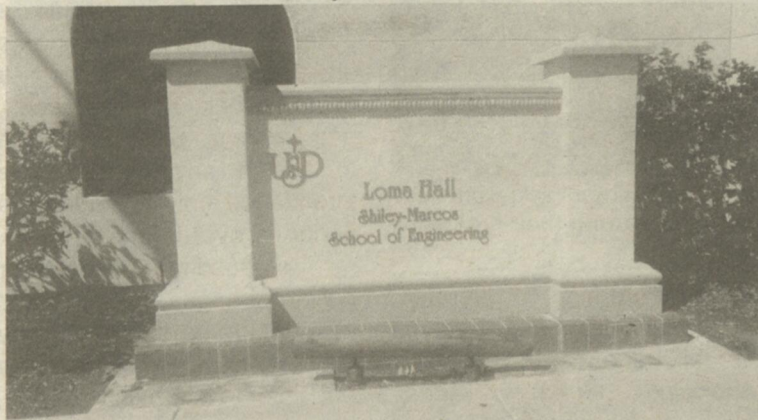


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Loma Hall serves as a central hub for engineering majors.

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Happy Constitution Day, America! Now, go read it.

BROOKLYN DIPPO

Editor In Chief

The United States Constitution, ratified in 1788, is still cited relentlessly by politicians, pop culture, and the media alike.

Some people are absolutists who take every written right literally without exceptions, and others like to interpret it on a case by case basis. What's frustrating is when people pick and choose the amendments that they like and heavily criticize those that they don't.

These selective arguments are expressed more frequently now with a presidential election looming overhead. One side of the country clings to the first amendment, and the other won't loosen its grasp on the second. Every person with a social media account ungracefully acts out the role of a Supreme Court Justice giving his or her final interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

This can make life pretty confusing for college students who want to take a stand. The lines are not always clear on what is protected by the Constitution. Some rights are limited and it's always up for interpretation.

Students at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) tested their free speech and right to protest at the

start of the semester. This fall marked a new rule for some college campuses: at public universities in Texas, students are now permitted to carry concealed weapons on campus, including in the classroom. This legislation was passed by strong supporters of the second-amendment who seem to have little intuition for the possible repercussions of introducing firearms into an environment with thousands of students who are drinking, experimenting with drugs, dealing with depression, and coping with mental illness. This amendment might have been interpreted more freely than intended, but the gun advocates are the ones who voted.

Unlike many other Texas universities, UT Austin is notoriously liberal and opposed the legislation from the beginning. A handful of professors left the university as a result, while students found a more interesting way to protest.

After discovering last year that sex toys are banned in classrooms, but guns are not, students started the "Cocks Not Glocks" movement. They distributed 4,500 donated dildos to their peers to be carried around campus in opposition. While this would usually be considered obscene and not protected, the university decided that the

students were protected under free speech in this instance in an alternative interpretation of the Constitution.

The first amendment, in this case, was debatable. I would argue that it always is. You can't read the Constitution as it stands today as absolute. Our country has already decided that it is not a perfect, timeless document. We abolished the amendment allowing slavery, and we added one to let women vote. Unless you want to argue we shouldn't have made those changes as a country, then you can't argue that the document is perfect and complete as is. It has protected us in many ways throughout history. We should carefully analyze it, consider it in different contexts and circumstances, see where it translates to the present, and where it falls short. We have to leave room for humanity in our arguments.

The most recent debate on free speech is centered around the 49ers quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, who chose to sit down during the national anthem on the NFL's opening day in passive protest. He later commented that he chose not to stand for the song because he couldn't support a nation that oppresses black people. Several news outlets shamed him, while others applauded his decision,

and the nation was again divided on the interpretation of what is or is not protected under the Constitution.

Free speech, in my opinion, means the freedom to express yourself or not. Expecting that people uphold patriotic traditions should be just as much a violation of free speech as censorship. Arguing that sitting during the national anthem, not putting a hand over your heart during the pledge, or burning an American flag is not covered by free speech is evidence of a poor understanding of the Constitution.

Gabby Douglas was similarly criticized a few weeks prior for not putting her hand over her heart during the national anthem at the Rio Olympics. It was unintentional and misunderstood, but, before she could defend herself, the Twittersphere erupted.

I support both of these expressions of protest and free speech. It is, however, mind-boggling to me that the dildo-carrying college students received less criticism than a football player who sat down. Americans expected Kaepernick to oblige to social norms because he is on the big screen representing America's sport. They let the college students slide because they anticipated it. They held two protesting parties to different

standards and grossly misinterpreted the Constitution.

In our government, we give the decision of interpreting the Constitution to nine highly-educated individuals known as Supreme Court Justices. If you're going to argue like they do, you should do extensive research first. Likewise, if you're going to protest, know what you're protesting, why you are protesting it, and if your form of expression is protected by the Constitution.

The Constitution is a document that directly affects your life and something you should examine beyond your eighth grade American history class. There's even a holiday dedicated to the document. Friday, Sept. 16 is Constitution Day, so pull up a digital copy of that dusty old paper and read it.

My point is this: We inherited the U.S. Constitution from the founding members of our government who are all dead and cannot interpret it for us. We should be careful to interpret it within its historical context, with a modern perspective, and with an understanding that the writers couldn't foresee the future and all of the possible contexts in which the rights they settled on would be evoked. It is not pragmatic to interpret the Constitution absolutely, so stop treating it like taxidermy roadkill.

USD students want to shop around

DANI DEVRIES

Opinion Editor

Diving back into the new semester can be both exciting and stressful as students at the University of San Diego prepare to tackle their new classes. Students anxiously attend each class hoping that they've picked a good professor, the class is interesting, and the amount of work seems reasonable.

For a select lucky few, their schedules work out perfectly, and they are pleased with their classes. However, for the majority of students, schedules take some reorganization to achieve the desired result.

For many students at USD, a vital component of crafting the perfect schedule is taking a chance with the waitlist system and lobbying for a highly coveted spot in a popular class.

USD's waitlist system is an excellent resource for students that desperately need a certain class. However, often times students overload themselves with waitlist options hoping to improve their schedule, and potential classes conflict. Then students find themselves having to make a tough decision about which class to actually enroll in when

the opportunity presents itself.

This leaves students in a predicament: some students are able to crash the courses they are on the waitlist for, while other students cannot. The latter of which are instead forced to attend classes they are currently enrolled in that are scheduled in the same time slot as their desired waitlisted courses.

As a result, when the add/drop period comes to a close, these students have to blindly finalize their schedules, sometimes without having even attended the class or getting a feel for how the semester might go.

Senior Maddy Platt notes that designing a schedule can be especially hard when professors adopt a no crashing policy.

"Adding and dropping [classes] is especially difficult in the business school because they have a strict 'no crashing' rule," Platt said. "If you are on a waitlist, and you do get in, sometimes it's not even worth it because you've already missed the first week or so of class. I think having a more lenient add/drop period would be extremely beneficial because it would [help students] avoid this issue."

One strategy some schools employ to combat

this problem, and ensure students feel confident in their scheduling choices, is allowing students to sample several classes before deciding upon their course list for the semester.

This concept, known as a shopping period, allows students to shop around

up late. The concept, in theory, makes it so that students can attend every class they are interested in before deciding whether to enroll or not.

Senior Sophia Gaffney said that she thinks this type of system could be a nice alternative to the current way USD's add/

professor. Sometimes the workload scares someone out of a class that they actually could've really enjoyed had they had time to feel it out."

On the other hand she added that sometimes students realize too late that a class is not right for them.

"Students get stuck in a class that they would have avoided had they had a longer period to drop it," Gaffney said. "I'm not sure how [a class shopping system] would work, but, if it happened, it'd be super chill."

Since we preregister for classes, this exact idea of a shopping period might not work at USD. Adopting a similar policy; however, may really help those students that are trying to decide between several classes.

Simply creating a blanket policy allowing students on the waitlist to crash a course within the first week, and asking professors not to assign anything or take attendance until the add/drop period is over is one solution.

By making a few minor policy changes, USD could allow students the necessary leeway they need to figure out their scheduling needs, improve student satisfaction with the classes, and greatly simplify the add/drop process.

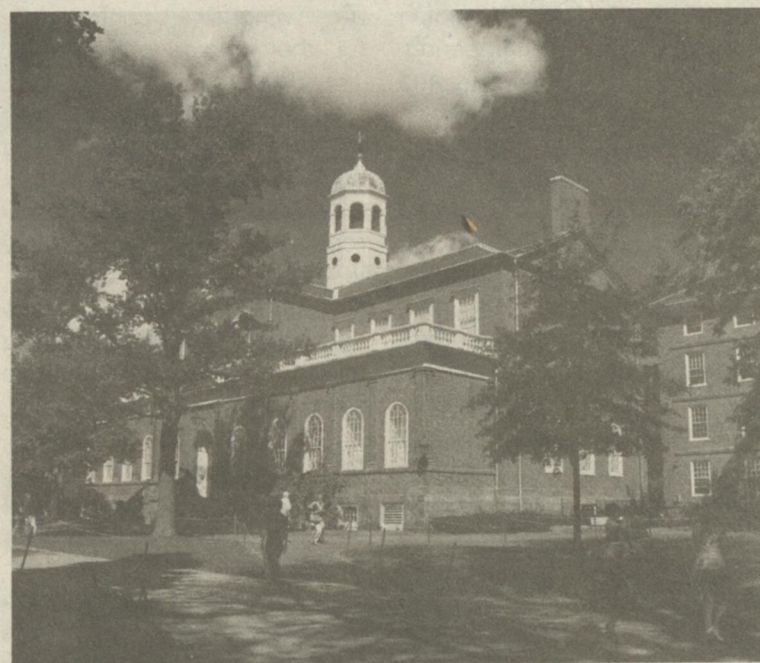


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Harvard University uses a shopping period during their first week of school.

before picking which classes they would like to take for the semester. This period allows students to freely attend classes the first week of school, with no penalty for missing a class, leaving early, or showing

drop period operates.

"Generally speaking I really like the idea [of a shopping period]," Gaffney said. "I think students need a time to figure out if they like the class or vibe with the

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Football team 1-1 after loss to Cal Poly SLO *Conference play to begin on Sept. 24 vs. Dayton Flyers*

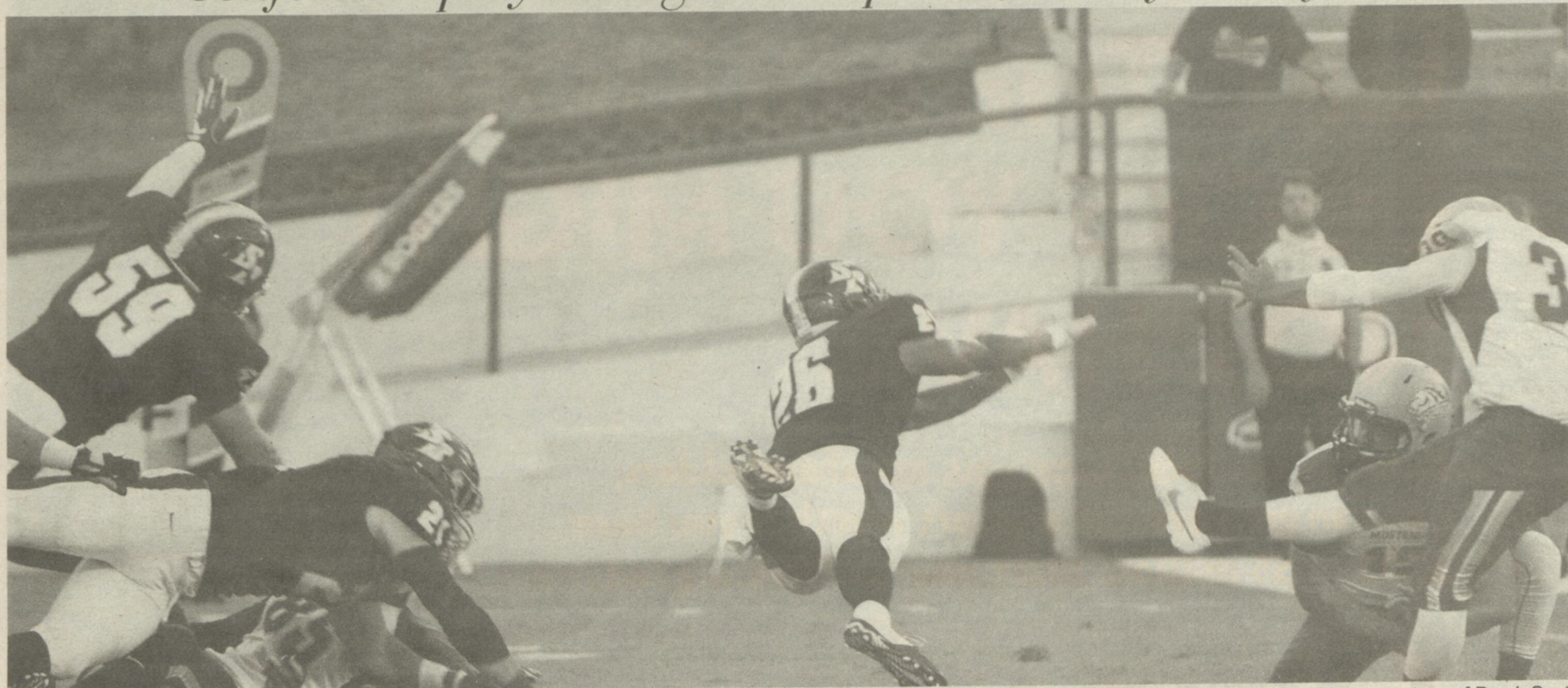


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Senior cornerback Jamal Agnew dives and successfully blocks a field goal from Western New Mexico kicker Tyler Vargas on Sept. 3 at Torero Stadium.

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For four of the last five seasons, the University of San Diego football team has won at least a share of the Pioneer Football League (PFL) championship. Of course, an accomplishment of that nature is impossible without having some of the league's best players. This is the case once again in 2016. Prior to the season, five players were named to the conference's preseason team.

Senior cornerback Jamal Agnew, junior offensive lineman Miles McArdle, redshirt junior defensive end Jonathan Petersen, junior wide receiver Justin Priest, and senior wide receiver Brian Riley all received the honor. The five selections trailed only the Dayton Flyers, who had seven players chosen for the squad.

The Toreros' talent was on display for their opening week victory over the Western New Mexico University Mustangs on Sept. 3. USD blanked the Mustangs by a score of 27-0, earning their sixth win in as many years against them. Redshirt senior running back Jonah Hodges led the way for the Torero offense. Hodges scampered his way to 106 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns.

Petersen was the star on the defensive side of the ball, showing his merit as an all-conference player by racking up three tackles for loss and two sacks while leading the defense to a shutout.

Junior linebacker Max Michaels says the team's familiarity with Western New Mexico certainly helped.

"I think for the most part we had a pretty good idea, especially defensively, of what they were going to come out and do," Michaels said. "We've played them pretty well in the past. We were pretty well prepared from a defensive standpoint."

Head coach Dale Lindsey and his team suffered their first loss of the season on Saturday, Sept. 10 in San Luis Obispo against the Cal Poly Mustangs. Unlike USD's football program, Cal Poly's offers scholarships to their players. The Mustangs emerged victorious by the score of 38-16.

Despite what the final score might indicate, there were several bright spots for the Toreros. Hodges picked up 94 yards on the ground

while redshirt sophomore quarterback Anthony Lawrence tossed two touchdown passes. Redshirt junior tight end Ross Dwelley, one of the fulcrums of San Diego's offense, hauled in both of the scoring passes while gaining 97 yards on nine receptions.

Junior defensive backs Ray Clark and Colton Giorgi were the defensive standouts against Cal Poly. Clark had two tackles for loss, while Giorgi led the team with 16 total tackles.

The team will start in-conference play on Saturday, Sept. 24 against the University of Dayton Flyers at Torero Stadium. Coming in as the defending PFL champions, the Flyers arguably represent the biggest game of the season for USD.

Agnew spoke about the team's goals for this season, one of which involves dethroning the Flyers from its spot at the top of the standings.

"My number one goal is to go undefeated in PFL play," Agnew said. "USD has never done that before. This is my last year, so I definitely want to be a part of the team that does that for the first time."

The dynamic cornerback, who attended nearby Point Loma High School, also has aspirations regarding an illustrious individual award.

"Also, [I want to] at least try to get close to breaking the career interceptions record here," Agnew said. "I'm striving for that next record."

Agnew has already broken the school record for

career pass breakups, and now sits six interceptions behind Al-Rilwan Adeyemi for the all-time record at Alcalá Park. Petersen and his six career forced fumbles places him only two behind school record holder Jeb Dougherty.

The pivotal matchup against Dayton will be monumental in determining the Toreros' chances of making the Football Championship Series (FCS) playoff. The last time they advanced to the playoff, USD was knocked off by the Montana Grizzlies, another scholarship program.

While it is still very early in the season, this year's edition of the Torero football team appears primed to make some noise in the Pioneer Football League.

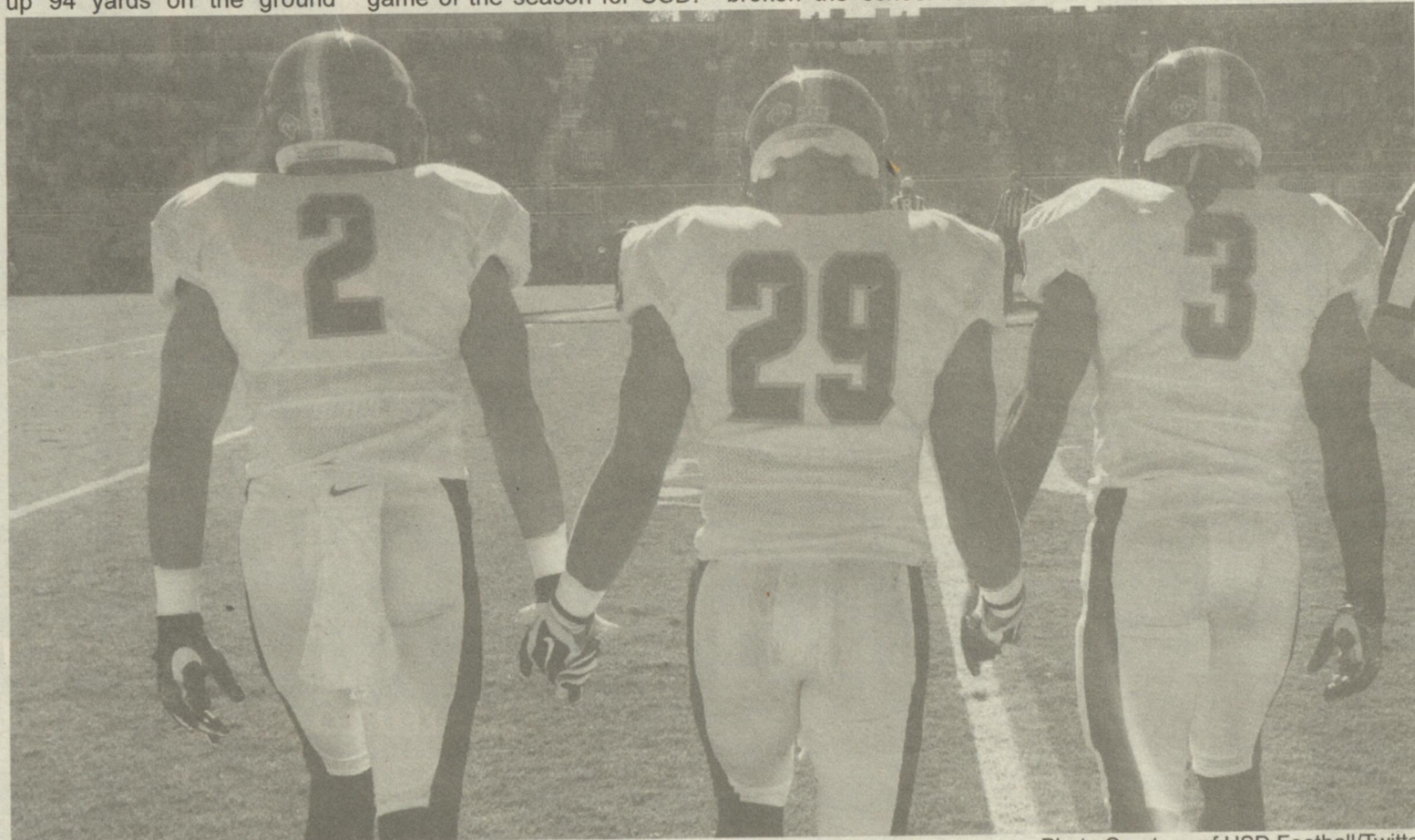


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Captains Brian Riley (2), Jonah Hodges (29) and Devyn Bryant (3) walking to midfield for the coin toss against Cal Poly.

Bolts backers beware: Chargers are off to a bad start

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This Sunday was a classic representation of what it means to be a sports fan in America's Finest City.

The San Diego Chargers, after a nightmarish offseason full of stadium drama and one of the longest holdouts in NFL rookie history, courtesy of first-round draft pick Joey Bosa, were finally getting back on the field. Things were going to be about football again.

The week began with the Chargers naming their captains for the 2016 season. On offense, the team nominated two long-time fan favorites in quarterback Philip Rivers and tight end Antonio Gates. Rivers, San Diego's all-time leader in almost every major career passing category, is coming off what might have been the best year of his illustrious career.

During the 2015 season Rivers threw for 4,792 yards and 29 touchdowns as the heart and soul of the Bolts' offensive attack.

The 36-year old Gates, despite missing four games because of a suspension for performance enhancing drugs, was one of the quarterback's primary targets when healthy last year. Gates hauled in 56 catches and 5 touchdowns while battling recurring injuries for most of the season.

Defensive tackle Brandon Mebane and linebacker Manti Te'o were the selections for defensive captains. Mebane, an offseason free agent signee of the Chargers, should spend the 2016 season using his 6'1", 311 lb. frame to fill space and clog running lanes. Meanwhile, Te'o has rebounded from an embarrassing college catfish scandal to emerge as one of the leaders of the Chargers' defense.

The fourth-year linebacker and former Notre Dame Heisman candidate, who famously had an online girlfriend who turned out to be non-existent, recorded 83 tackles in 2015 and looks primed to take another significant step forward this year.

Finally, the Chargers named Darrell Stuckey a captain for a fifth straight season. Stuckey has established himself as one of the top gunners in the league, routinely drawing double teams from opponents and earning the nod as the team's best special teams player.

With such a solid group leading the way, the Bolts appeared ready to rebound from a disappointing 2015 season that saw them go 4-12 and finish last in the AFC West. A road game against the Kansas City Chiefs in

hostile Arrowhead Stadium was going to serve as a worthy early test for the organization.

For the first half, the Chargers appeared to be more than up to the task. An offense that often experienced frustrating sputters last year went six-for-six on third downs. Running back Melvin Gordon, after not scoring once all last season, crossed the goal line twice for the Bolts early on.

Wide receiver Keenan Allen and quarterback Rivers picked up right where they left off last season when Allen went down with a lacerated kidney, completing passes all over the field. Meanwhile, the defense was swarming around Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith, creating pressure and forcing mistakes out of the veteran signal caller.

Out of nowhere, the Chargers looked good, really good. And then, just as suddenly, they didn't.

Holding a 21-3 lead in the late stages of the second quarter, fourth-year wideout Allen cut to the sideline on a crossing route and crumpled to the ground, holding his knee and grimacing skyward. After being tended to by the Chargers' training staff, the University of California, Berkeley product was eventually carted off the field and into the locker room, his head in his hands and tears in his eyes.

Early reports soon surfaced that the breakout star had suffered a major knee injury, which were later confirmed as a torn ACL, assuredly sidelining the team's best receiver for the rest of the season.

Almost immediately after the injury, the wind appeared to rush out of the Chargers' sails. Offensive drives stalled. Chiefs players started to find larger holes in the Bolts' defense. Mistakes began to pile up.

After looking like world-beaters for almost 30 minutes of football, the Chargers did what their fans have become accustomed to: blow a 21-point lead and ultimately lose to the Chiefs in overtime. A season that appeared destined to start 1-0 had flipped its script without warning.

It was the kind of collapse that Chargers fans have grown used to over the last year-plus. It was the kind of collapse that leaves fans both young and old shaking their heads in disbelief. More than anything, it was the kind of collapse that does the franchise no favors as it fights for its San Diego life.

Because, as Bolts backers across the county watched the unbelievable become reality on Sunday, it became harder and harder to shake the

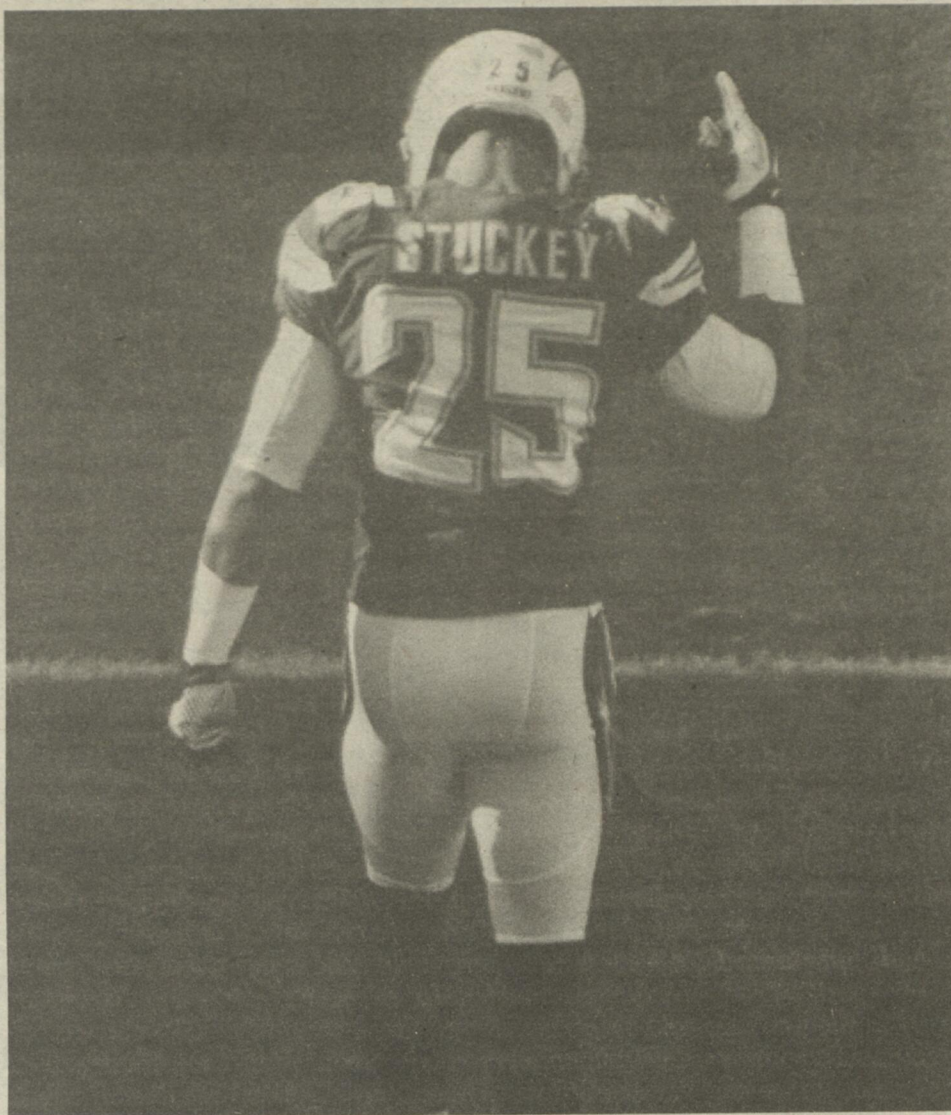


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Stuckey, a 2010 fourth round pick, is captain of San Diego's special teams.

creeping feeling that none of this really means anything.

The fact of the matter is that, after almost 60 years in San Diego, the Chargers organization could easily be headed north next year to join the Rams in Los Angeles.

Ongoing stadium discussions here in San Diego have resulted in a downtown proposal needing approval from two-thirds of voters on the November ballot to pass. If the stadium initiative doesn't pass, the Bolts will need to make a decision on a possible L.A. move by mid-January with no real incentive to stay in San Diego.

The current initiative calls for the majority of its funding to come from raised hotel taxes. While this may not have a significant impact on San Diego tourism, as the city's climate does more than enough to keep visitors coming in, it also wouldn't have much of a chance of positively impacting the city.

The raised taxes would also create potential animosity with the very hotels that the downtown stadium could eventually call its neighbors. Current projections have the initiative at less

than 50 percent approval, meaning a massive turnaround will be required to keep the Bolts by the bay.

The more likely scenario is that 2016 will be the Chargers' last year in San Diego. Considering this makes it even more unfortunate that such a swan song would begin the way it did. The numbness that followed that debacle in Kansas City, the kind that can make diehards use "they" instead of "we" when they talk about the hometown team, is something that may not be able to be measured in dollar signs or vote tallies.

Nevertheless, it could be one of the biggest factors eventually pushing the Chargers northward. It's not the fair-weather fandom that many San Diegans have been accused of, rather a pragmatic insurance against insanity.

And, ultimately, if the Chargers continue to drive their fans to these kinds of lows, week in and week out, is there any reason for those same fans to fight to keep their once-beloved NFL team? If not, we could get used to seeing Qualcomm Stadium half-empty for the rest of the season.

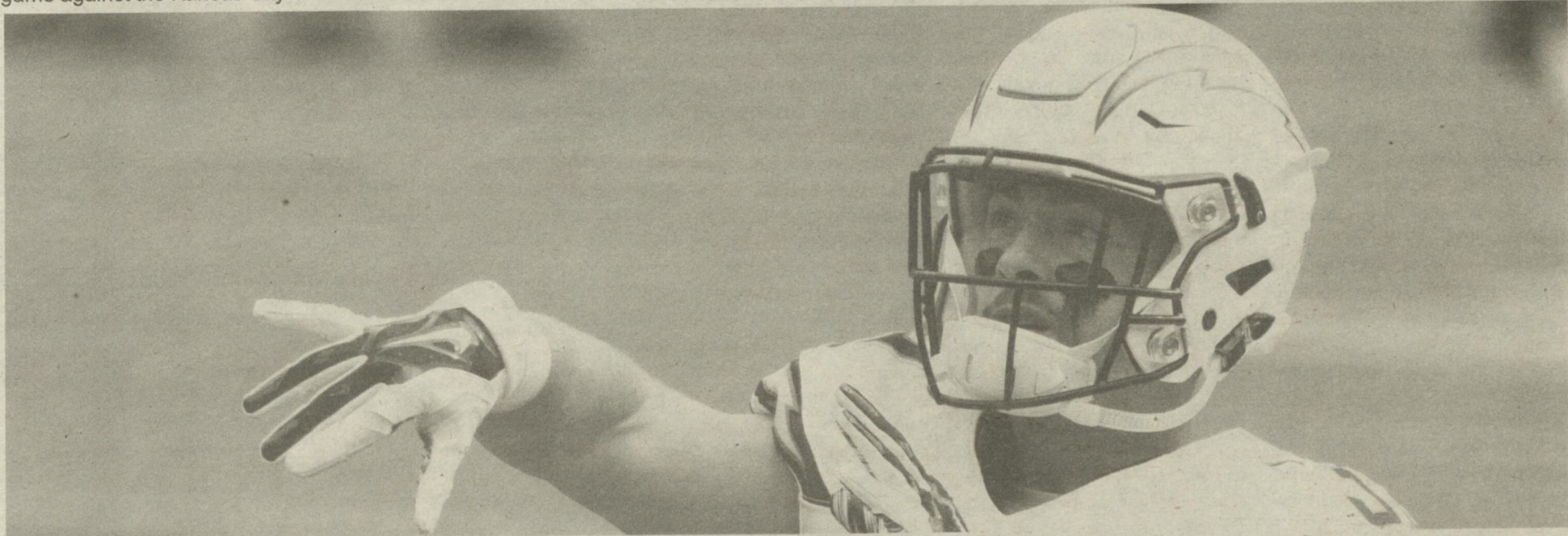
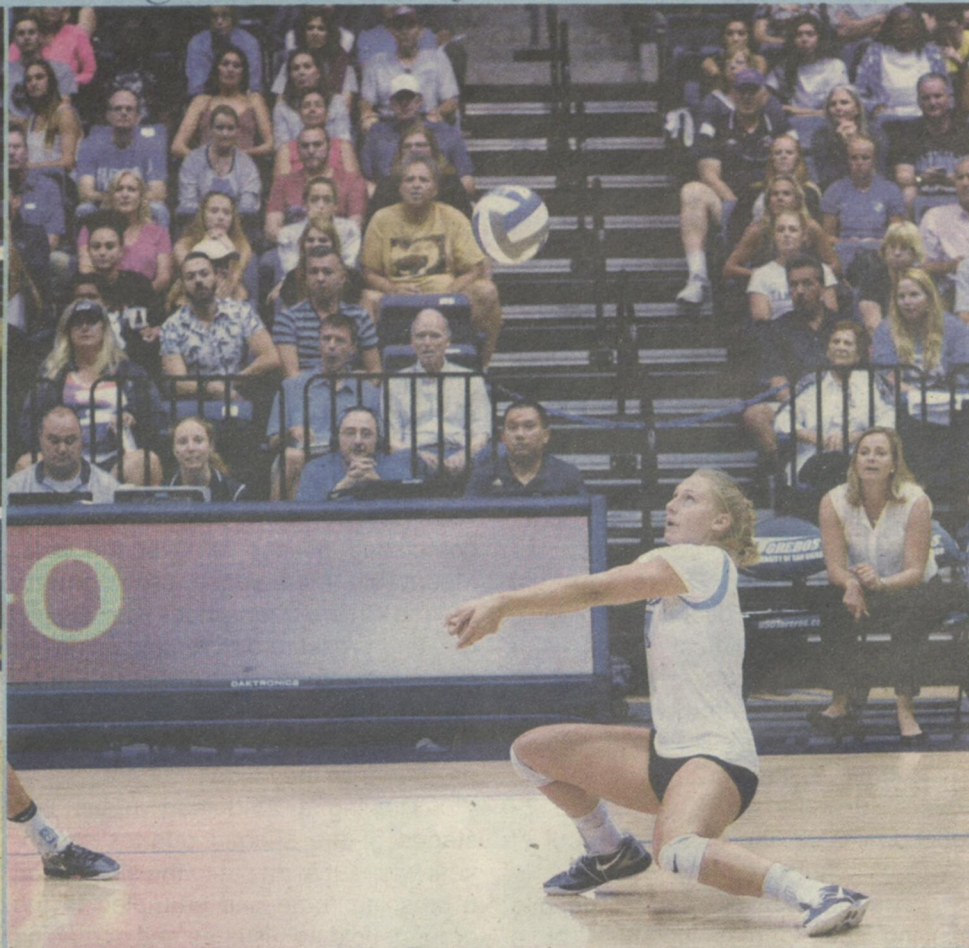
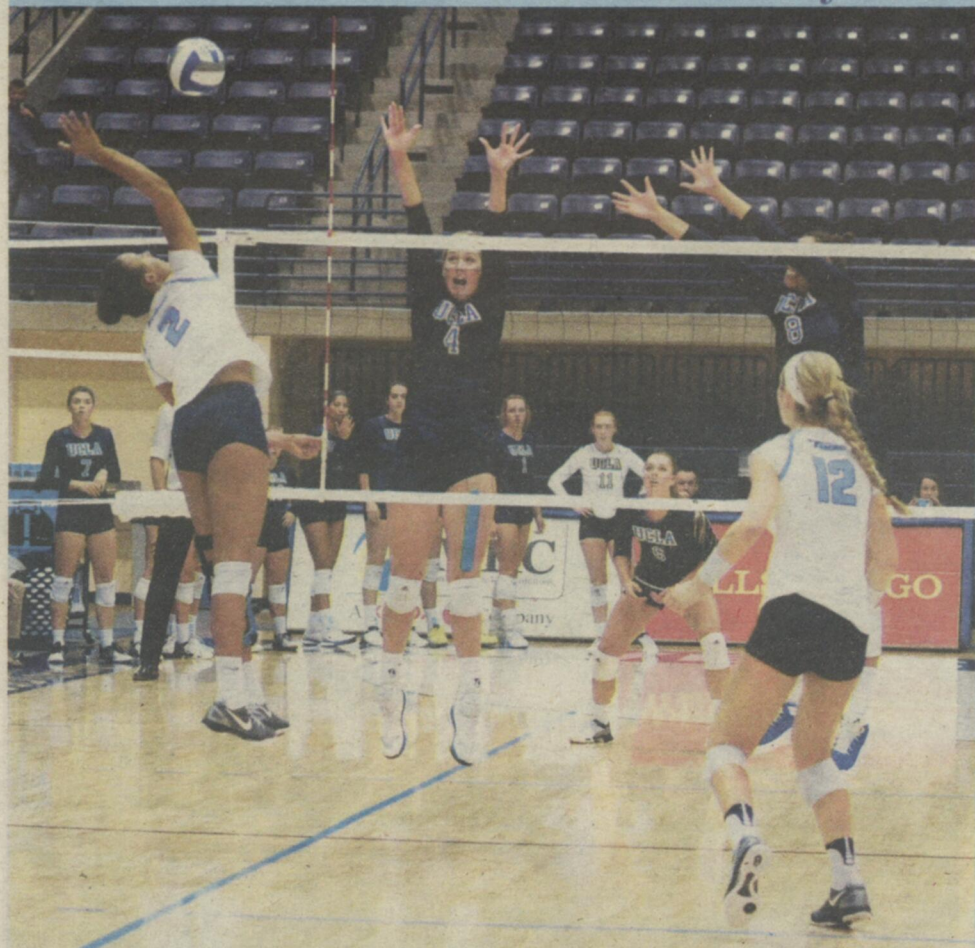


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Running back Danny Woodhead had 89 yards on 16 carries in the game against Kansas City on Sept. 11. He also caught a four yard touchdown pass.

USD volleyball reaches No. 10 in rankings

Toreros receive attention after wins against Stanford and UCLA



Photos courtesy of USD Volleyball/Twitter

Junior Jayden Kennedy rises up for a spike against UCLA (left). Junior Kristen Gengenbacher kneels for a bump at the Jenny Craig Pavilion (right).

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With high energy and a large supporting home crowd, the No. 15 ranked University of San Diego women's volleyball team won its home opener against the University of California, Irvine (UCI) Anteaters on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The victory came in a four set match with the final set score of 3-1. A pair of wins over members of the Pacific-12 Conference has since vaulted the Toreros to the No. 10 spot in the national rankings.

As they opened their home schedule, the Toreros were returning from a huge win against Stanford. They followed that up with losses to the third-ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers and the Wisconsin Badgers, before defeating Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Head coach Jennifer Petrie explained that she believes beating the Anteaters will set the pace for the rest of the season, as well as show the rest of the division just how strong this team will be this year.

"Winning our opening match against Stanford gave our team confidence that will carry them through the entire 2016 season," Petrie said. "Knowing that we can compete at the highest level and win prepares us for not only a WCC championship, but an NCAA championship as well."

This recent win brings the Toreros' overall record to 3-2. The match against the Anteaters also set some early season records, with three team members recording double-digit kills and senior libero Hunter Jennings setting a personal record for herself with 19 digs. The offense was led by senior Lauren Schad with 14 kills, senior Lisa Kramer with 14 kills, and junior Jayden Kennedy with 11 kills.

After some defensive struggles and opening jitters at the start of the match, the Toreros dropped the first set to UCI. Coach Petrie said that she felt that, even though they had some early butterflies, the overall strength of the roster enabled the women to step up and make a strong comeback in the remaining sets.

"Our team was so excited to finally be playing at home," Petrie said. "Although we looked a bit frazzled at the beginning, the team kept their composure and showed the depth of our roster. With such a large team this year, we have many different players that can step up and make a difference."

The team quickly bounced back with much more aggression in the second set. With better communication and great passing skills, they were able to tie it up in the second set to make the score 1-1. The third set seemed to be anybody's game at the start, as Irvine looked to be controlling their defense and putting up great blocks at the net and digs in the court.

Junior middle blocker Kaity Edwards seemed to change the momentum with a run of well-placed serves and a few aces late in the third set. San Diego took the lead by winning the third set, thus putting them ahead by a score of 2-1.

The fourth set was thrilling right from the first point. After what seemed like a minute rally, with huge dives and players running way out of the court to keep the play alive, the Toreros gained the first point of the set. This caused a slight change of tactics, as there was much smarter play from our home team.

Offspeed, angled shots at the net and consistently great passing, granted the Toreros an easy 19-9 lead, while Irvine looked jumbled and increasingly frustrated.

Junior outside hitter Merve Taynel was given a great set to put the match away with a kill and give her Toreros the fourth set to win the match 3-1.

Coach Petrie's team has set a goal to be undefeated at home, and, so far, they're off to a great start.

Sophomore outside hitter Lauren Fuller contributed greatly to the success over Irvine. Fuller stated that she felt confident after seeing the team's fluidity and ball control.

"Coming off the bench and being put in serve receive is difficult because you're not warm and still have those game jitters," Fuller said. "But I was very happy I made an impact right away. I passed well which opened up hitters, like Schad and Kramer. The team was flowing; it was awesome to be a part of it."

In regards to the rest of their season, Fuller explained that she believes the team fosters a great environment. They hope this year to make it to the West Coast Conference Tournament and the NCAA tournament.

"This year the team has even more firepower because the freshmen have added some more competition at practice, which prepares us well for matches," Fuller said. "The upperclassmen on the team all have great experience in big matches, so it was great when we were playing a team like Stanford because they had been in those shoes and were able to lead us to a big win."

Petrie has set some tough but achievable goals for the Toreros this season. She shared that she is looking forward to the conference matches and competing against some of the nation's best teams.

"Our team prides itself on defense," Petrie said. "Hard work, execution, and focus will win a conference title and help

us attain our first goal of hosting the first and second round of the NCAA Tournament. Any conference match will be a good one this season. In particular, we are looking forward to the Santa Clara, BYU, and LMU match ups."

The weekend was an eventful one for the Toreros, as they knocked off the Colorado University Buffaloes and the seventh-ranked University of California, Los Angeles Bruins in front of their home crowd.

USD is joined at the top of the rankings by the Brigham Young University

Cougars, their conference rivals and perhaps their biggest obstacle in reaching the NCAA Tournament.

The USD volleyball team will have a lot of competition this weekend in the USD/ San Diego State Invitational, held from Sept. 16-17 in the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The Toreros will kick off the tournament with a match on Sept. 17 against the California State University, Fullerton Titans at 10:00 a.m., followed by a bout with the University of California, Santa Barbara Gauchos at 7:00 p.m.

USD VOLLEYBALL HOME SCHEDULE

9/17	vs. Cal State Fullerton Titans (10 a.m.)
	vs. UC Santa Barbara Gauchos (7 p.m.)
9/22	vs. San Francisco Dons
9/24	vs. Santa Clara Broncos
9/30	vs. Brigham Young Cougars
10/6	vs. Pacific Tigers
10/8	vs. Saint Mary's Gaels
10/20	vs. Loyola Marymount Lions
10/22	vs. Pepperdine Waves
11/10	vs. Portland Pilots
11/12	vs. Gonzaga Bulldogs